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Huachuca Control Bill Opposed by County Spokesmen

PHOENIX, March 2 (AP) — A bill to establish concurrent state-federal jurisdiction over land withdrawn from the public domain for military purposes in Arizona is up for sailing again today.

The bill, ready for passage in the State Senate tomorrow, was the subject of a series of public hearings early last month after state game and fish officials complained that as originally introduced it failed to protect the state's interests to wildlife.

As originally written, the bill gave the federal government exclusive jurisdiction over the land. It was actually an amendment to bring Ft. Huachuca under provisions of an existing law.

As rewritten, the bill gives only concurrent jurisdiction and reserves to the state the right to tax on the military reservations and the right of state officers to serve civil and criminal process.

The new opposition to the bill is apparently headed by Dan Moore of Bisbee who came to Phoenix yesterday accompanied by an officer from Ft. Huachuca. The two visited the governor to speak against the bill but failed to visit the Senate.

Sen. Fred Dove (D-Cochise), who submitted both bills, said he was at a loss as to the source of the renewed opposition to the bill. He said he had done the best he could to get all sides of the question before introducing the substitute bill.

"I have done everything I could to protect the rights of Coconino County, the state and other interested groups," the senator said.

Dove said other military officers had telephoned him today protesting the provision which would enable the state to tax any civilian-operated concession on military posts.

"We are trying to find out what is at the bottom of this matter," he said.